

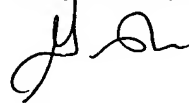
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Advisory Action indicated that claims 12, 13, 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The present amendment rewrites those claims in independent form and cancels without prejudice claims 2, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, and 19 in view of the amendment. Amended claim 1 incorporates claim 12 and intervening claims 2 and 9. Claim 13 has been cancelled and rewritten as new independent claim 22. Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate claim 19 and intervening claims 16 and 17. Claim 16 has been cancelled since it is redundant in view of incorporation of claim 17.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

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